

PAINTED TOO BLACK.

Canadian Sealers Deny That They Destroy Ten Valuable Animals FOR EVERY SEAL THEY CATCH.

They Also Claim That They Do Not Slaughter the Nursing Mothers.

LORD STANLEY GLAD TO HEAR IT.

He Hopes Some Satisfactory Compromise May be Made Very Soon.

The Canadian sealers who have been accused of destroying too many seals in their pursuit of each seal placed on the market, have denied that charge. Lord Stanley, in replying to the sealers' address, agrees with them in their conclusions, and says he is glad to learn that they have been maligned.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

OTTAWA, November 16.—With more than ordinary interest have the sealers of British Columbia, and in fact Canadians generally, been waiting to hear what Lord Stanley would have to say regarding the recent seizure of Canadian vessels in Behring Sea by United States cruisers, and after waiting they know but little more than they did before. On laying their case before the Governor General, during his recent visit to Victoria, the Sealers' Association, in their address to His Excellency, called attention to the manner in which they had been misrepresented.

"It has been published broadcast in England, as well as in America," the address went on to say, "that for every seal taken by our sealers and placed on the market, ten seals are destroyed. We believe that this statement, persistently made, and seldom or never contradicted,

has created, especially in England, a prejudice against our sealers, and it is to the gross inaccuracy of the statement we desire to especially draw Your Excellency's attention. We have abundant evidence, part of which is already in the Department of Fisheries, Ottawa, that the actual number of seals killed by our sealers, but for a variety of causes not actually captured, does not exceed six in every 100.

We are charged also with the wholesale destruction of female seals while carrying and nursing their young, thus destroying immense numbers of young seals as well. To answer this charge it is only necessary to say that the females breed upon the islands in Behring Sea about midsummer; that they remain with their young about two months, seldom going more than a few miles from the island for food, and consequently do not come within reach of our sealing vessels. The great majority of seals taken in Behring Sea by our sealers are what are known as "bachelors" and "barren cows."

TOO CLOSE A SEASON.

"It has been stated that the matters in dispute will probably be settled by a compromise in the nature of a close season from May to December in each year for seal hunting in Behring Sea. As the only period of the year when seal hunting can be carried on in Behring Sea falls between May and December, Your Excellency will see that a close season, covering the period mentioned, means practically the complete closing of the sea to our sealers and a monopoly of the fur trade by the Alaska Commercial Company or other lessee of the same rights and privileges now enjoyed by that company from the Government of the United States. We feel assured that Your Excellency will, so far as is consistent with your high and responsible position, be able

to assure us that in the future our rights in Behring Sea will be more clearly defined and their enjoyment unimpaired.

Replying to the address His Excellency said: "The matter on which we have met is one of the most difficult and delicate questions I could have to speak upon. It concerns not only your interests, but the interests of the Dominion and the Imperial Government, and the interests of the world."

THE INTERESTS OF NATIONS.

"I would take this opportunity of impressing upon your minds the fact that it is the greatest of mistakes to suppose that you have not considerable sympathy felt for you in the mother country, and that delay in the adjustment of the question lies in any lack of interest manifested by the home Government. I was a member of the Imperial Cabinet when the first seizure was made, and I can assure you that these matters very closely occupied the attention of the Government at that time. At the present time I cannot say more than that diplomatic negotiations have been made and will continue to be made. The United States we regard as a friendly power, and I do not consider but that our representation will be received with due and proper weight. I cannot say more. I think you have very wisely placed the point on which public opinion at home requires a certain amount of information.

"It has been persistently urged that of the number of seals killed by your hunters a very large proportion are lost altogether. With many people

CONSTANT ASSERTION

goes a long way in place of argument. If you are able to show that such is not the case, and if you are also able to show that the female seals are not destroyed by wholesale, as stated, while they are nursing their young, you will do very much to strengthen the case which the Imperial Government is endeavoring to make out for you. The statements have been made in your address very plainly, but at the same time I think it would be of considerable advantage to me if you could furnish me with distinct information corroborative of what you say, notably that the great majority of seals killed in Behring Sea are what are known as 'bachelors' and 'barren cows.'

"In regard to the close season: It appears to me that the period proposed, from May to December, would be far too one-sided, shutting our sealers out altogether, and handing over to the owners or lessees of the islands to which the seals go during the breeding season.

A MONOPOLY OF THE INDUSTRY.

"I cannot say much more upon the subject of our meeting. I am glad to have the opportunity of assuring you that the Government has no desire to pass this great question by, and also of showing you the importance of my receiving from you definite information, based on your knowledge of the facts, which I can transmit at once to the home Government, through the proper channels."

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